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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 19, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.